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## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Oahu drivers may be seeing the light at the end of the proverbial tunnel, as the overnight closures of the H-1 are expected to end by the second week of October. The re-paving, one of the most visible aspects of the H-1 Corridor Project, will soon be completed, with the contractor finishing the majority of the work in a fraction of the time it would have taken during limited daytime hours. Moreover, the ride along both the eastbound and the completed portion of the westbound lanes of the H-1 now provides a much smoother and safer drive along one of the most heavily traveled corridors in the state.

For now, re-paving work will continue to close the H-1 Ewa-bound freeway from the Kapiolani Interchange to Punchbowl Street, Sunday through Thursday from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. We will continue to encourage motorists to drive carefully and cooperate with road crews.

Even with the H-1 re-paving nearly done, we still have quite a bit of work ahead of us. Other related work includes re-paving on- and off-ramps, and work on frontage roads and cross streets. On weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., ongoing water line and paving work will close portions of Bingham and Lunalilo Streets, between Piikoi and Keeaumoku Streets, and Metcalf Street, between Alexander Street and the McCully-Dole intersection. During construction, only local traffic will be allowed to travel through these areas. In addition, guardrail work on the H-1 freeway may close one lane at the Kapiolani Interchange on- and off-ramps.

Seismic retrofitting is also being scheduled to coincide with this work to minimize the impact on traffic. The work near Lunalilo Street may close one freeway lane in the Koko Head-bound direction from 9 to 10 p.m., and two lanes from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Work being performed on the westbound side of the freeway will have no additional impact since that part of the freeway is already closed for H-1 resurfacing.

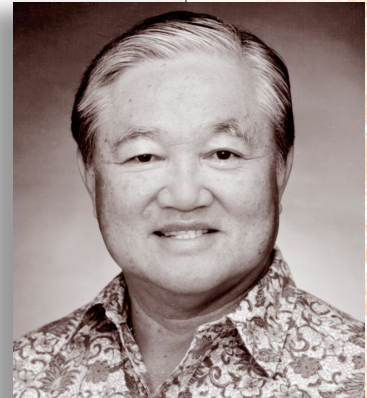
To help drivers with alternate routes and minimize traffic congestion in these construction areas, we have provided Foodland and SackNSave stores on Oahu with the latest "H-1 Traffic Visor Advisor." It features a map of H-1 westbound closures and a construction table. Motorists are encouraged to pick one up at any Foodland or SackNSave store.

Mahalo,



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Director of Transportation

For more information,  
call the H-1 Hotline at 587-2345  
or visit the DOT web site at:  
[www.state.hi.us/dot](http://www.state.hi.us/dot)



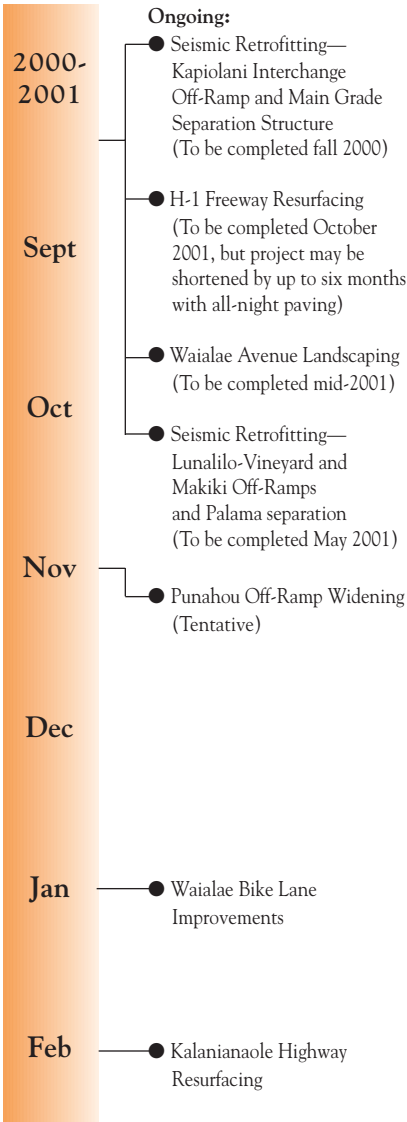
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# PUNAHOU ST. OFF-RAMP TO BE WIDENED

The bid for the widening of the Punahou Street (eastbound) off-ramp opened Aug. 24. The apparent low bidder is Hawaiian Dredging. However, since the project has not yet been awarded, it is possible that it may not start in November, as previously expected.

When the project begins, motorists will again be advised to anticipate delays, to allow for extra travel time and, as always, to use caution while driving through the work area.

# H-1 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TIMELINE



# UNIVERSITY STUDIES TRAFFIC IMPACT OF BINGHAM OFF-RAMP TRIAL CLOSURE

The H-1's Bingham Street off-ramp is being temporarily closed for five weeks, as of Tuesday, Sept. 26, as part of a trial period to evaluate the impact that a permanent closure would have on surrounding streets and traffic flow. Bingham Track residents requested the closure to cut down on speeding vehicles exiting the freeway onto what is essentially a residential street. Many vehicles, including tour buses and delivery trucks, exit the H-1 at Bingham to get to Waikiki or the University areas.

The study is being done before work begins on the Punahou off-ramp widening project in November. During the demonstration period, DOT will evaluate the impact of the closure on traffic exiting the Punahou, the University and King Street off-ramps, and on traffic along Bingham Street and the Kapiolani Interchange.



The study is being conducted by Dr. Panos Prevadorous of the UH School of Engineering. The Bingham Street off-ramp will reopen to traffic on Nov. 1. Based on the results of the study, the DOT will determine whether the Bingham Street off-ramp will be permanently closed in the future.

# OCTOBER SCHEDULE OF H-1 PROJECTS

DAYS / HOURS	LOCATION	PROJECT	TRAFFIC IMPACT
Sunday-Thursday 8 p.m.-5 a.m.	H-1, from the Kapiolani Interchange to Punchbowl St.	H-1 Resurfacing	All westbound freeway lanes closed
Sunday, 9 a.m.-Monday, 5 a.m.			Possible one freeway lane closure in the eastbound direction
Sunday-Thursday 9 p.m.-5 a.m.	H-1, near the Kinau St. off-ramp	Seismic Retrofit	Eastbound closures (One lane after 9 p.m.; and two lanes after 10 p.m.)
Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Bingham St., between McCully and Isenberg Streets	Paving Work	Block closure; local traffic allowed
	Lunalilo St., between Ernest and Keeaumoku Streets	Water Line Work	Block closure; local traffic allowed
	Lunalilo/Piikoi Street intersection		Multiple lane closures at the intersection
	Metcalf St., between Alexander St. and the McCully/Dole intersection	Water Line Work/ADA Work	Street closure; local traffic allowed
	Ward Ave., between Kinau St. and Kinalau Place	Water Line Work	Lane closure
Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Kapiolani Blvd., west, between Old Waialae Rd. and King St.; and South King St., east, at Kapiolani Blvd. Intersection	Seismic Retrofit	Possible lane closure
	Harding Ave., east, between Kapahulu and 1st Avenues	Seismic Retrofit	Possible lane closures
Saturdays, Oct. 7 and 14 9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Wilder Ave., between the University on-ramp and Wilder off-ramp	Paving Work	Block closure; local traffic allowed